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Police Find No Forced Entry in Columbia Homicide

Investigators Learn Victim Was Pregnant

Howard County Police are continuing the investigation into the homicide of 23-year-old Shameka Yolanda Fludd, of the 5800 block of Stevens Forest Road in Columbia, who was found deceased in her apartment last night. Police discovered Fludd's body after relatives reported they were unable to make contact with her.

Through investigation, police have learned that Fludd was 4-5 months pregnant when she died. Detectives have found no evidence of forced entry into the victim's apartment.

A member of Fludd's family called 911 to request that officers check on her welfare. Police arrived on the scene and found Fludd, who appeared to have suffered a fatal gunshot wound. Fludd's two children, ages 7 and 4, were visiting relatives at the time of the incident.

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